

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, lines 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

**Technical Field**

This invention relates to non-uniform, powderous materials, to the process to prepare such materials, and to electrochemical cells, containing such materials. The objective of the invention are to provide powderous materials, comprising at least 85% w/w of transition metal and oxide, like transition metal oxides, lithium transition metal oxides, transition metal hydroxides, oxohydroxides, carbonates etc, characterized by having a significantly different transition metal composition at the outer bulk and the inner bulk.